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Topic: ABC television News –

Senator Seselja asked:

I do have a couple of areas for questioning, but before I do, Mr Scott, I go back to the issue around corrections. I was just advised that on last Friday night ABC television news at 7 pm reported that the acquisition of the P-8A Poseidon maritime planes commenced under the former Labor government. I am advised that it was actually under the Howard government. Are you able to let us know if and when that will be corrected?

Mr Scott: I will take that on notice. I was not aware of that.

Answer:

On 21 February 2014, the 7pm News on ABC Television reported that the acquisition process for the P-8A Poseidon maritime planes “commenced” in November or December 2007 under the Rudd government.

The ABC subsequently became aware that in April 2007, before the Rudd government came into power, the Howard government had given initial approval for the P-8As, which were still being developed. ABC News has posted a clarifying statement on its online corrections page, which is available here: <http://www.abc.net.au/corrections>